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Allocation Process Highlights

BACKGROUND

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) is the single state agency responsible for administering state and federal funds for alcohol and other drug (AOD) abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services in California.

- The Department collaborates with the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California (CADPAAC) and the Director's Advisory Council to develop the fiscal policy that directs the specific details of the allocation of AOD services funds.
- Historically, the Department has utilized a variety of methods for allocating AOD funds to the counties. In Fiscal Year (FY) 1999-2000, ADP began allocating increases in ongoing, discretionary funds using a standard methodology.
- Funds for special populations or specific legislative intent are allocated based on need or legislative direction. The Department allocates funds from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant, the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) Block Grant, and State General Fund (SGF) using specific formulas developed in collaboration with CADPAAC and the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS.

SCHEDULE OF ALLOCATIONS

The Department now issues statewide allocations on three occasions:

- The Governor's Preliminary Budget Allocation distributes the local assistance funds contained in the Governor's proposed budget, as submitted to the Legislature on January 10 of each year. This allocation must be released within 45 days of the issuance of the Governor's proposed budget.
- The Budget Act Allocation distributes the local assistance funds appropriated in the Budget Act. This allocation is released as soon as possible after the Budget Act is enacted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.
- After the beginning of the federal fiscal year, a statewide revised allocation is made if there are any changes in the amount of federal funds appropriated by Congress.

Beginning with FY 2000-01, the Department started tracking federal grant funds, specifically the SAPT Block Grant and the SDFSC funds, by individual grant award. The establishment of procedures to track obligations and expenditures by individual award improves the current process and maximizes federal reimbursements.

ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY

The standard methodology for new discretionary funds (not targeted for a specific population or need) is \$2,500 per \$1,000,000, with the balance distributed based on population.